

The Secretary of State presents his compliments to Their Excellencies and Messieurs and Mesdames the Chiefs of Mission and has the honor to restate certain requirements related to A-3 visas for domestic workers employed by mission personnel.

All domestic workers of foreign government officials who are members of a diplomatic or consular mission in the United States for 90 days or more must apply for a valid A-3 visa issued after the Office of the Chief of Protocol accepts a pre-notification request submitted through the eGov system. Domestic workers who have a prior employee relationship that predates accreditation of their employer at a diplomatic or consular mission must also seek a new A-3 visa.

The Department wishes to remind the missions that A-3 visa holders must maintain lawful status in the United States, as determined by the date on their U.S. Customs and Border Protection Form I-94 arrival/departure record. Please contact the Office of Visa Services, Diplomatic Liaison ([DiplomaticVisas@state.gov](mailto:DiplomaticVisas@state.gov)) with any questions on remaining in appropriate status and visa renewal options overseas.

Department of State

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**DIPLOMATIC NOTE**

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